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#### MARCHING SOUTH.

Follow the folds of the banner,  
The song of the sunbeam's  
mouth.  
Follow the boys in khaki that  
are marching, marching  
south.  
Marching away to the battle,  
Young and old together;  
Marching down through the roses  
In the sweet of the rose  
weather.  
Follow the sound of the trumpet  
And the roll of the  
silver drums—  
Here is the song of the bugle,  
That here the regiment  
comes.  
Marching south in the morning  
Marching south in the night;  
All in the folds of the banner  
That blows in the wind of  
might.  
—Boston Post.

#### WHY NOT GO TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS SUBJECT?

SINCE the mayor and councilmen have raised the subject of asking betterments from the electric and telephone companies why not have a thorough investigation of the subject, if the council is

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not ready to proceed with action at this time?

Why not have an extended hearing conducted with a view to bringing out the facts, not only from the standpoint of the public service companies but from the standpoint of the public?

Let the telephone company be asked if the statement of the company's comptroller as to a \$34,000,000 net earning for last year is not correct?

Let telephone company officials be asked if it is not a fact their local equipment is hopelessly antiquated and that they themselves have frequently admitted the fact?

Let the truth be brought to light with reference to the value of the electric company's local equipment and the receipts of the company each year.

Let it be shown if it is not a fact the company annually collects more money from Pendleton than their local equipment is worth.

Ask the electric company to explain if it is not true as Dr. Zeubelin recently asserted here that the rate now charged for electricity in Pendleton is double what it should be? Then call Dr. Zeubelin or some other expert and hear the facts on the other side.

Let the firemen testify if overhead wires in the business section are not a menace to life while fires are being fought.

Now that this subject is up Pendleton is entitled to a square deal and should have it from the council.

It is a notorious fact our street lighting, particularly in the business section, is wretched. It cannot be corrected until the poles and overhead wires are removed.

There need be no fear that an effort to secure proper service from the electric and telephone companies will "harm" capital and drive investments away.

It will do the exact reverse. It will cause our public service corporations to make heavier investments here, in keeping with the city's needs. Such improvements will make the city more attractive to prospective investors. Nothing is worse for a city than poor light and 'phone service, unless it be a poor water system.

Thanks to the progressiveness of local people the city has a first class water system and many other good improvements. Let us see if we cannot get the telephone and electric companies to manifest some Pendleton spirit by bringing their plants up to date.

Why not?

#### THE WHEAT SITUATION

THE government crop forecast for July predicts a wheat crop for the nation this year that will be 252,000,000 bushels less than the crop of 1915. It is improbable that the crop is at all underestimated though conditions during the next few weeks will have something to do with the final yield.

Against this crop shortage, which is worldwide this year, is the fact that considerable wheat has been carried over in the United States and the further fact that the shipping situation is worse than last year.

Charters are now so high, ranging up to 150 shillings from Portland, that brokers are not engaging ships. It is possible that their delay in making charters may reduce the price. If the war should come to a close there would be a considerable drop in charters with the result the price of wheat should advance in this country though falling in Europe.

#### ASSAILING THEIR OWN RECORD

THE republican party, seeking some issue, just any issue upon which to hang the slightest hope of returning to power, is driven to the necessity of denouncing in its own platform, adopted at Chicago, the vote of a majority of its own members in the house and senate upon practically all of the reform measures that have been written into law by the democratic party. They declare we "favor an effective system of rural credits as opposed to the ineffective law proposed by the present democratic administration." By this declaration they charge practically every republican in the senate and almost every republican in the house with having voted for an ineffective rural credit law, which passed both the senate and house. In the senate the vote was 57 to 5, in the house 295 to 10. I suppose this denunciation of their fellow republicans was caused by the fact that of the five republicans in the senate who voted against the rural credits bill which passed that body Senators Lodge, Oliver and Wadsworth were members of the subcommittee that prepared the republican platform, and they were anxious to vindicate their own vote at the cost of denouncing their republican colleagues.

The democratic party believes in a home building and land owning population. It was our effort and desire to make it possible for every man who tilled the soil in America to own the land and have a home. The republican party in power 40 years since the Civil War has never passed any law for their relief, has never sought to cheapen credit, to enable them to become owners instead of tenants, but today they present the remarkable spectacle of adopting a platform which promises nothing, but in their anxiety to denounce democratic legislation have to include in their wholesale condemnation nine-tenths of their own members of the senate and house of representatives.—From Senator James' speech at St. Louis.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 instead of Tuesday as previously planned. The meeting will be held in the Baptist church and Mrs. Helen Harford of Portland, one of the state workers will be present to arrange for the yearly meeting at Portland which will be held in October.

Vincent Hewitt, local high school boy will leave tomorrow for Portland where he will spend his vacation.

A. J. Sample of Nez Perce, Idaho, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. M. A. Ellis.

Mrs. J. M. Quest and daughter of Helix are spending the day in Pendleton.

Mrs. W. T. Layton and two children of La Grande are visiting Mrs. Layton's mother, Mrs. Quest of Helix. They will remain for several weeks.

Harvey Hanson, Paul Finnel and Leslie Gibbs will leave the first of the week for Lehman Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Knight expect to leave the middle of the week for Lehman Springs for the summer.

Harold M. West, traveling freight and passenger agent for the O. W. R. & N. Co., is in the city today upon his first trip. He has the position formerly held by C. E. Vandewater.

Mrs. Thomas Fitz Gerald and family left today to spend the summer at Lehman Springs. Judge Fitz Gerald plans to join the family next month.

#### OUTLOOK IS FOR A NORMAL WHEAT CROP IN SHERMAN COUNTY

HYMAN COHEN SAYS LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE ALTERED HARVEST OUTLOOK.

(By Hyman H. Cohen in Oregon Journal.)

Earlier reports would scarcely have placed Sherman county on the wheat map this season, but a remarkable change has been shown in cereal crop prospects during the last few weeks, and the wheat crop outlook at this time is for a normal yield. If the acreage were as large as usual, Sherman county would have a big crop, but in practically all parts of the county the planting shows a decrease.

The crop is fully three weeks later than usual, but the bulk of the planting done in the spring makes general harvest operations still later. At this time in normal years harvest has been started on a small scale in Sherman county, but now the grain has not yet begun to turn from its green color.

**Mostly Spring Planting.**  
It is safe to say that fully three-quarters of the wheat crop of the county this season is of spring planting, while the normal is perhaps 75 per cent fall planting, and in some seasons still greater.

Fall wheat is the big wheat crop of Sherman county. This is due generally to the fact that there is not an overabundance of moisture for the

spring sowing. This season there is every expectation that the spring planting not only will be as good as the fall acreage in point of production, but some of the fields are likely to be better.

Fall wheat is literally covered with weeds, the result of too much moisture. Sherman county grain growers have the reputation of being good farmers, but all their efforts were of little avail in keeping the pests down during the 1915 season.

**Some Parts O. K.**  
In some of the road districts where the supervisors have done their duty the crops are in fine shape and fairly clean, despite the fact that this is a weed season generally throughout the Pacific northwest. Where the roads and lanes have been kept free of weeds and other weeds, the grain fields clearly show this fact. Elsewhere, where the road men have done nothing, the fields are full of weeds and this is likewise reflected in the crop showing.

Sherman county will have within a fraction of the crop of 1915, despite all the handicaps. The quality of the 1916 crop promises better at this time than for many years, considering the total acreage. This will be an aid to the price, and make up for any deficiency in production by some of the growers.

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